

**FORT LEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORT LEE, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES – SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, January 12, 2015

Fort Lee High School Library/Media Center,
3000 Lemoine Avenue, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

1. The Public Work Session was called to order at 6:04 PM by Mr. David Sarnoff, President of the Fort Lee Board of Education.
2. Mr. Michael Osso led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Fort Lee Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the entrance hall of the Board Office, 2175 Lemoine Avenue; published in the Board's designated online media outlet/newspapers: The Record, The Star Ledger, The Suburbanite; filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Fort Lee; and mailed to all persons, if any, who have requested said notice. Please be advised that this meeting is being taped and will be broadcasted on local TV and the district's website at a future date.

During the course of the board meeting, the Fort Lee Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Fort Lee Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks all members of the public to be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comment in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mrs. Esther Han Silver, Mrs. Holly Morell, Mr. Michael Osso, Mr. Ammad Quraishi, Mrs. Candace Romba, Mr. Joseph Surace, and Mr. David Sarnoff

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paul Saxton, Mr. David L. Rinderknecht and Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

ABSENT: Dr. Sharon Amato, Mr. Yusang Park and Mr. Jeff Weinberg

5. **PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING – AUTHORIZE GOING INTO THE EXECUTIVE WORK SESSION**

6. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Kindly limit public comment to three minutes - None**

7. **RESOLUTION**

BOARD

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RESOLUTION NO. 26789

OFFERED BY Mrs. Holly Morell

SECONDED BY Mrs. Esther Han Silver

APPROVE PRIVATE EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act and the Fort Lee Board of Education reserve the right within the constraints of State Law to sit in Private Session; and

WHEREAS, there now exists a need for this Board of Education to meet in Private Session for the following purposes:

- a. Discuss Superintendent Candidates
- b. HIB Report Review
- c. Board Attorney – Status Report on Litigation
- d. FLEA Negotiations
- e. Personnel Matters as needed

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Lee Board of Education conduct a Private Executive Session immediately to discuss exempt matters listed above and any such matters that may come before the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public will be informed regarding the topics discussed in Private as follow:

- a. Upon appointment of a Superintendent
- b. As legally allowed
- c. Upon conclusion of litigation issues
- d. Upon conclusion of negotiations
- e. If and when legally allowed.

DATED: January 12, 2015

On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

8. At approximately 6:10PM, Mrs. Holly Morell, offered, seconded by Mrs. Candace Romba, to adjourn the Public Work Session. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY,



DAVID L. RINDERKNECHT
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY